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Subject: follow-up to conversation on Ramazzini data

Dear Dr. Cogliano

Thanks so much for speaking with me the other day regarding RI data in mice. As I mentioned, I'd like to run by you what I've said that references our discussion, to make sure you're comfortable with it. It's an excerpt from a document intended for a non-technical audience. Please feel free to call me (434-361-2349) if easier to discuss by phone.

I'd like to say something like:

Reviews by government scientists have found that there is "good agreement" between RI diagnoses and other pathologists' diagnoses for most cancers. There have been differences in opinions for a few cancers, but these are limited to certain cancers *in rats*. The sucralose study was conducted in *mice*. There has been no dispute over RI's cancer diagnoses in mice. Even for rats, the difference in opinion was over the *number* of cancers being reported (and not about *whether* those cancers were found). According to Dr. Vincent Cogliano, Director of the Integrated Risk Information System at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and former Head of the International Agency for Research on Cancer Monographs program, the leukemias/lymphomas seen in rats are a different kind of tumor than those that are recorded in mice. Dr. Cogliano indicated that EPA would use results from RI mouse studies (including on lymphoma/leukemia), consulting as appropriate with the U.S. National Toxicology Program.

Is that OK?

I also wanted to make sure I understood the situation with RI studies in rats.

Would you not trust RI rat studies that show lymphomas/leukemias? Just the ones reviewed by the PWG, or others as well?

Does this still reflect EPA policy (<https://www.epa.gov/iris/update-ramazzini-institute-data-iris-assessments>) – in other words, is it still EPA's policy that it will not use RI data on lymphomas/leukemias in rats? Does this policy only apply for IRIS assessments for methanol, MTBE, and ETBE, or also for other (past, and future) RI rat studies?

Thanks! -- Lisa

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